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according to claim 2, is pushed out along a longitudinal direction thereof to thereby to be attached in a corresponding one of terminal attaching holes of said connector housing. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 3 is amended and claim 4 is added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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